

**Table 64 (page 1 of 2). Use of selected substances in the past month by persons 12 years of age and over, according to age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: United States, selected years 1979–96**

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the population 12 years of age and over]

<i>Substance, age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin</i>	1979	1982	1985	1988	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Cigarettes</b>											
Percent of population											
12–17 years. . . . .	---	---	29	23	22	21	18	19	19	20	18
12–13 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	11	7
14–15 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	21	18
16–17 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	29	30	28
12–17 years:											
Male . . . . .	---	---	31	24	24	23	18	18	20	21	18
Female. . . . .	---	---	28	22	21	19	18	19	18	20	19
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	---	---	33	27	26	24	22	21	22	23	21
Black, non-Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	17	10	*	8	6	8	12	12	12
Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	21	15	21	17	14	16	14	16	15
18–25 years:											
Male . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	37	38	43
Female. . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	32	32	33
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	39	39	43
Black, non-Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25	24	29
Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	28	28	30
<b>Alcohol</b>											
12 years and over . . . . .	63	57	60	55	53	52	49	51	54	52	51
12–17 years . . . . .	50	35	41	33	33	27	21	24	22	21	19
12–13 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	8	5
14–15 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	22	21	19
16–17 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	36	34	31
18–25 years . . . . .	75	67	70	65	63	63	59	59	63	61	60
26–34 years . . . . .	72	72	71	65	64	63	62	64	65	63	62
35 years and over. . . . .	60	53	58	63	50	50	47	50	54	53	52
12–17 years:											
Male . . . . .	52	36	44	36	34	30	22	24	22	22	19
Female. . . . .	47	34	38	31	31	24	19	23	21	20	18
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	53	39	46	36	37	27	22	26	24	23	20
Black, non-Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	30	22	21	28	18	18	18	15	15
Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	27	32	24	28	20	22	18	19	20
18–25 years:											
Male . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	71	68	67
Female. . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	55	55	54
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	68	67	65
Black, non-Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	52	48	50
Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	54	49	50
<b>Heavy alcohol<sup>1</sup></b>											
12 years and over . . . . .	---	---	20	15	14	16	15	15	17	16	15
12–17 years . . . . .	---	---	22	15	15	13	10	11	8	8	7
12–13 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	1
14–15 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	8	6
16–17 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	15	15
18–25 years . . . . .	---	---	34	28	30	31	30	29	34	30	32
26–34 years . . . . .	---	---	28	20	21	22	23	22	24	24	23
35 years and over. . . . .	---	---	13	10	8	10	9	10	12	12	11
12–17 years:											
Male . . . . .	---	---	29	19	19	17	13	15	10	9	9
Female. . . . .	---	---	14	11	12	9	7	7	7	6	6
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	---	---	26	18	18	16	11	13	10	9	8
Black, non-Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	6	3	*	6	6	3	4	3	4
Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	15	13	11	11	9	12	5	7	8
18–25 years:											
Male . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	47	41	44
Female. . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	19	21
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	40	34	37
Black, non-Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17	16	19
Hispanic. . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	26	23	25

See footnotes at end of table.

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<i>Substance, age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin</i>	1979	1982	1985	1988	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Marijuana											
Percent of population											
12 years and over . . . . .	13	12	10	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
12–17 years . . . . .	14	10	10	5	4	4	3	4	6	8	7
12–13 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	1
14–15 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	10	7
16–17 years . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	13	13
18–25 years . . . . .	36	27	22	15	13	13	11	11	12	12	13
26–34 years . . . . .	20	19	19	12	10	8	9	8	7	7	6
35 years and over . . . . .	3	4	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
12–17 years:											
Male . . . . .	16	11	11	5	5	4	4	4	7	9	8
Female . . . . .	12	9	9	6	4	3	3	4	5	7	7
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	16	11	12	6	5	4	4	4	6	8	7
Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .	10	7	6	3	2	3	2	3	6	8	7
Hispanic . . . . .	8	*	6	3	3	3	3	4	6	8	7
18–25 years:											
Male . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	15	17
Female . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	9	9
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	13	14
Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	12	14
Hispanic . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	7	8
Cocaine											
12 years and over . . . . .	2.6	2.4	3.0	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
12–17 years . . . . .	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.6
18–25 years . . . . .	9.9	7.0	8.1	4.8	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.3	2.0
26–34 years . . . . .	3.0	3.5	6.3	2.8	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.5
35 years and over . . . . .	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
12–17 years:											
Male . . . . .	2.2	2.4	1.9	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.4
Female . . . . .	0.8	1.5	1.1	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.8
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.5
Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .	*	*	1.3	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hispanic . . . . .	2.1	*	2.6	1.4	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.1
18–25 years:											
Male . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	0.9	1.7	2.7
Female . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	0.6	0.9	1.4
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.2	1.5	2.3
Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	0.7	0.7	1.1
Hispanic . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.2	1.1	2.1

--- Data not available.

\* Estimates with relative standard error greater than 17.5 percent of the log transformation of the proportion are not shown.

<sup>1</sup>Five or more drinks on the same occasion at least once in the past month.

NOTES: In 1994 the survey underwent major changes. Estimates for 1993 and earlier years are adjusted to be comparable with data from the redesigned survey. See [Appendix I, Substance Abuse](#) and [Mental Health Services Administration](#). Estimates of the use of substances from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse and the Monitoring the Future Study differ because of different methodologies, sampling frames, and tabulation categories.

SOURCES: National Household Survey on Drug Abuse Series H–3: Preliminary Results from the 1996 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse; and H–4: National Household Survey on Drug Abuse: Population Estimates 1996.